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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace during the period 22 to 27 June 1993 for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation and in order to drop heat flares on agricultural areas and engage in a fresh act of aggression against Iraq.

22 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Khidr, Busayyah, Basra, Jalibah, Salman and Artawi.

At 1227 hours on 22 June 1993, a United States aircraft dropped heat flares to the north of the village of Makhmur in the Irbil Governorate.

23 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Khidr, Qurnah and Busayyah.

24 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurhan, Chabaish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1400 hours on 24 June 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace over areas to the south of Diwaniyah and Najaf and over Samawah and Salman. It left at 1445 hours.

25 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

26 June 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the northern region on 26 June 1993.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

27 June 1993

Northern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Shaqlawah, Rawanduz and Tall Afar.

Southern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 0230 hours on 27 June 1993, the United States Navy launched Tomahawk missiles against the headquarters of Iraqi Intelligence in Baghdad. A number of the missiles fell on the surrounding civilian neighbourhoods, killing a number of civilians and injuring others and destroying many houses in the area.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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